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SUBJ: SYRIA AT DAKAR AFRO-ARAB CONFERENCE

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1. ALTHOUGH SYRIA WAS DESCRIBED BY VARIOUS CONFERENCE SOURCES AS ONE OF THE "HARD-LINE" ARAB COUNTRIES (WITH ALGERIA, LIBYA, AND IRAQ) GENERAL TENOR OF MEETING TENDED TO LIMIT POLITICAL FLAMBOYANCE.

2. PRESIDENT SENGHOR OPENED SESSION WITH NOTABLY MODERATE SPEECH, AND REPORTEDLY CAUTIONED SEVERAL ARAB DELEGATIONS AGAINST TAKING DIVISIVE POLITICAL STANDS WHICH MIGHT DAMAGE AFRO-ARAB SOLIDARITY.

3. ACCORDING TO EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR, KHADDAM WAS MOST ABRASIVE AND INSULTING IN CORRIDOR DEALINGS WITH AFRICANS ON DISPUTED POINTS. HIS PUBLIC STYLE WAS SOMEWHAT CRAMPED BY GENERAL ATMOSPHERE OF RESTRAINT AND RESULTING FRUSTRATION WHICH PERVADED CONFERENCE. IN PRESS INTERVIEW, KHADDAM

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ANNOUNCED THAT SYRIA WOULD SOON OPEN AN EMBASSY IN DAKAR,

DISCUSSED LEBANON IN VERY GENERAL TERMS, AND DID NOT RPT NOT
MENTION ZIONISM OR ISRAEL.
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